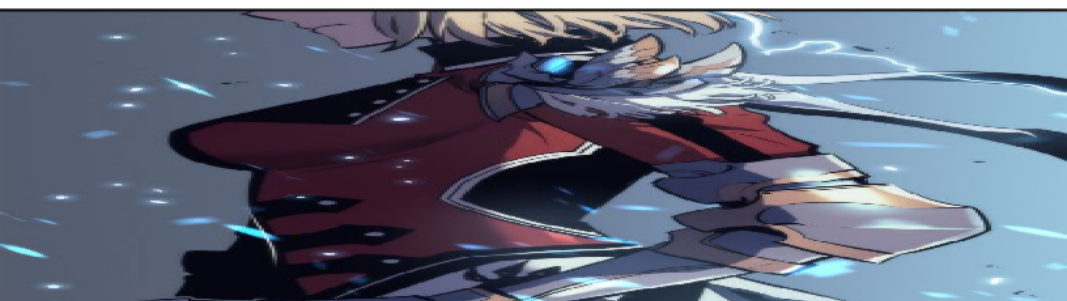




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AND SHE  
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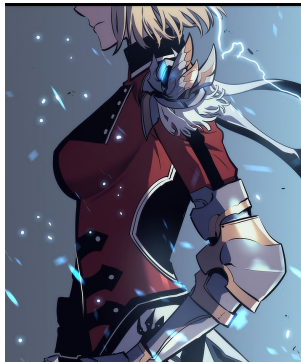




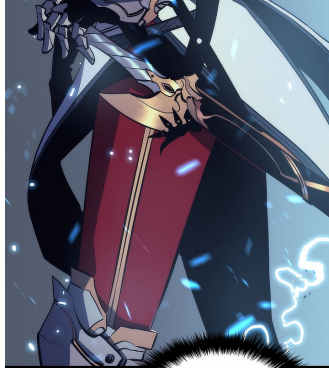
THERE COMES THE  
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...THE HUNTERS'  
VICE GUILD  
MASTER!

S-RANK,  
CHA HAE-IN!



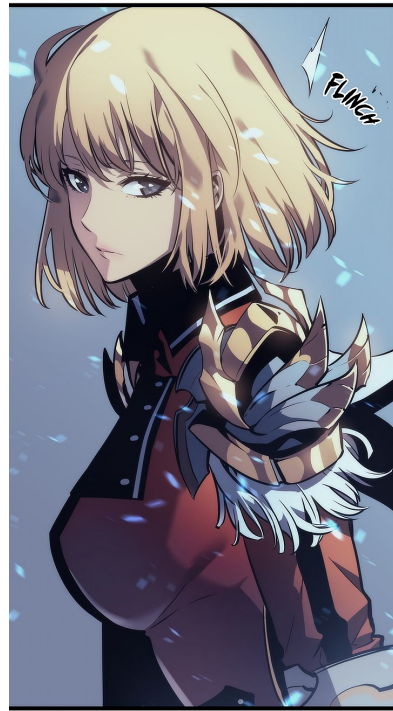
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THE INTERIOR OF AN A-RANK GATE IS ENORMOUS.

A GATE'S RANK IS MEASURED BY THE MANA WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED FROM THE GATE, NOT BY THE RANKS OF THE MAGIC BEASTS FOUND INSIDE.

BECAUSE AN A-RANK GATE EMITS LARGE AMOUNTS OF MANA WAVES, ITS SIZE IS ALSO CONSEQUENTLY LARGE.

THIS MEANS THE  
TWO FACTORS THAT RAISE A  
GATE'S RANK ARE ITS SIZE  
AND MANA LEVELS.

WHILE LARGE NUMBERS OF  
LOW-RANKING MAGIC BEASTS  
CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT  
OF MANA WAVES THAT ARE  
EMITTED BY THE GATE,



THEIR MANA LEVELS  
AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH  
FOR AN A-RANK GATE.

A LOT OF LOW-RANKING  
BEASTS MIGHT BE FOUND  
INSIDE A B-RANK GATE, BUT  
NOT AN A-RANK GATE. IT'S  
FULL OF HIGH-RANKING  
BEASTS.



I FEEL A GUST OF  
WIND COMING FROM  
THE DUNGEON...

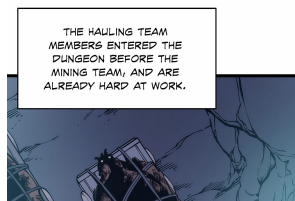


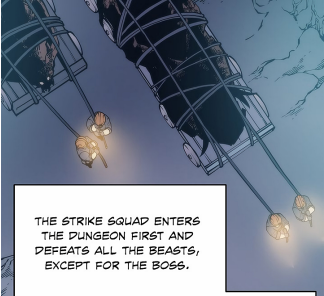













THE STRIKE SQUAD ENTERS  
THE DUNGEON FIRST AND  
DEFEATS ALL THE BEASTS,  
EXCEPT FOR THE BOSS.


AFTER THAT,  
THE HAULING TEAM  
GATHERS UP THE  
CORPSES OF THE  
BEASTS.

THEN FINALLY, THE  
MINING TEAM MINES  
THE CRYSTALS.



IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE  
PROFITS, NONE OF THESE  
STEPS CAN BE SKIPPED.

IN ADDITION TO  
ESSENCE STONES AND  
MANA CRYSTALS,

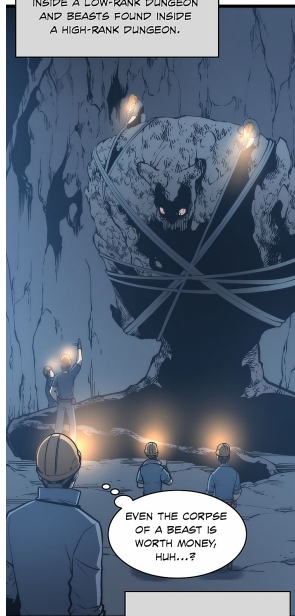


THE CORPSES OF  
HIGH-RANKING BEASTS ARE  
ALSO VALUABLE BECAUSE  
THEY CAN BE USED FOR  
A WIDE VARIETY OF  
PURPOSES.

BONES, LEATHER,  
MEAT, ETC.

ALL THEIR PARTS CAN BE  
USED FOR SOMETHING.

THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN BEASTS FOUND  
INSIDE A LOW-RANK DUNGEON  
AND BEASTS FOUND INSIDE  
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON.



EVEN THE CORPSE  
OF A BEAST IS  
WORTH MONEY,  
HUH...?

ONCE EVERYTHING OF  
VALUE HAS BEEN TAKEN  
FROM THE DUNGEON,

THE BOSS IS  
DEFEATED AND THE  
GATE IS CLOSED.



ALL OF THESE STEPS MUST BE  
COMPLETED IN ORDER TO SAY THAT  
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON HAS BEEN  
SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED.

YOU MUST BE  
A LITTLE TAKEN  
ABACK, SINCE THIS  
IS YOUR FIRST TIME  
INSIDE AN A-RANK  
GATE.

YES, THE  
BEASTS ARE MUCH  
BIGGER THAN I  
EXPECTED.







EVEN THOUGH THE STRIKE SQUAD HAS TAKEN OUT ALL THE MAGIC BEASTS, ISN'T THE BOSS STILL ALIVE?

THAT'S RIGHT, SINCE THE GATE CLOSSES ONCE THE BOSS IS KILLED.



THE BOSS CAN'T BE DEFEATED UNTIL ALL OF THE HAULING AND MINING WORK IS DONE.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOSS COMES RUNNING OUT OF ITS LAIR?

THAT RARELY EVER HAPPENS, BUT...





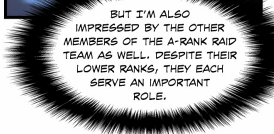
THE MANA WAVES  
BEING EMITTED BY  
THE BOSS ARE  
STRONG ENOUGH TO  
MAKE MY BODY  
TREMBLE.



IT'S STRONGER THAN  
VULCAN OR METUS.



I'M  
IMPRESSED THAT CHOI  
JONG-IN AND CHA HAE-IN  
ARE GOING TO TAKE ON  
SUCH A DEADLY  
MONSTER.



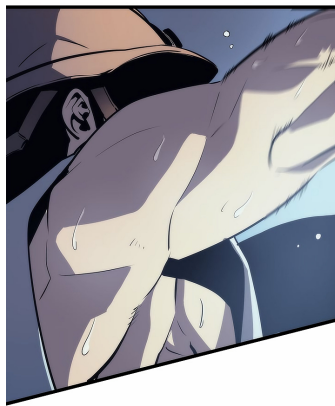
BUT I'M ALSO  
IMPRESSED BY THE OTHER  
MEMBERS OF THE A-RANK RAID  
TEAM AS WELL. DESPITE THEIR  
LOWER RANKS, THEY EACH  
SERVE AN IMPORTANT  
ROLE.



THAT'S PROBABLY  
WHY THEY'RE ABLE  
TO SAFELY CARRY  
OUT RAIDS.

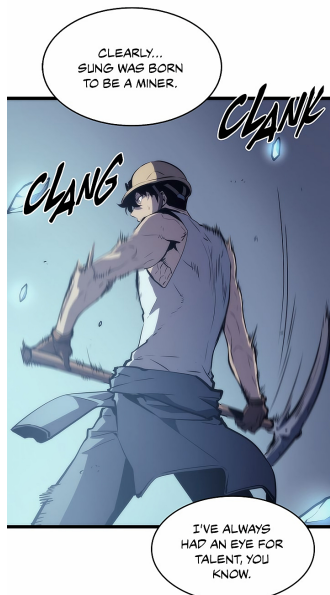


TOGETHER, THEY  
MAKE A STRONG TEAM.  
IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE  
THEY'RE MADE UP OF STRONG  
HUNTERS. THEIR SKILLS  
AND KNOWLEDGE COME  
FROM YEARS OF  
EXPERIENCE.

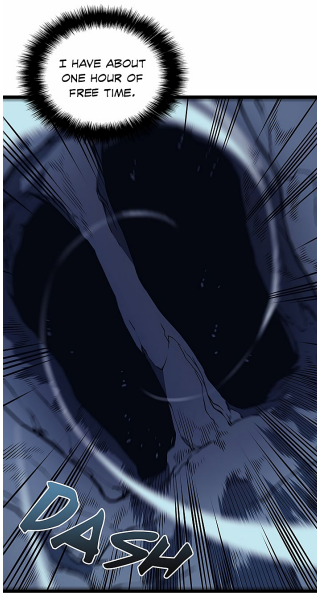
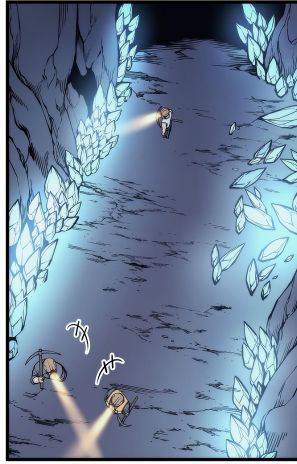












I'LL JUST GO  
AND TAKE A QUICK  
LOOK.

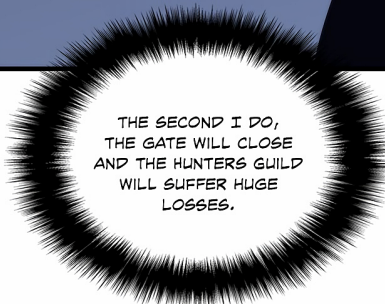


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WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING OVER  
THERE?





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